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Thanks

... to those parents who assisted with this week's headlice inspection.
... to those parents who have offered to help out at next week's Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament.

People of the week

... David Culham and Jayden O'Sullivan who were extraordinarily kind to a friend this week. Well done boys.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

3 June	BOT Election voting closed 12 noon
14 June	Performance by Strike Percussion Group (cost covered by school activity fee)
8 June	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament
17 June	On-line portfolios open for viewing
20 June	Matariki presentation ... Hall ... 2:00-3:00
29 June	KHS presentation ... staffroom 7:00 PM
30 June	Huanui presentation ... staffroom 7:00 PM
4/5 July	Interviews
7 July	Year 8 HPV vaccination 2
8 July	Final day of term 2

Upcoming Board Election Some critical dates ...

3 June	Election date
9 June	Votes counted
10 June	New board takes office

Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2017

The school is currently seeking expressions of interest in the Lower Secondary Cambridge Programme (Year 7 & 8) from the wider Whangarei area. So ... please spread the word. We are happy to meet families and answer any questions they might have. It would be helpful to have expressions of interest by 30 June. All placements will be subject to ballot.

IMPORTANT ... changes to the Kamo Bus

Please note that, from Tuesday of next week, the Kamo bus ...

.. will depart Kamo at the earlier time of 7:40am

... will depart school at the end of the day 4:05pm

Children will travel on a different bus from the usual. The fee remains \$2-00 per journey, tickets are available from the driver, and drop off and pick up points remain unchanged.

Although a slightly earlier start for these children, we are pleased that children will get home much earlier at the end of the day than is currently the case. If you have any questions please give Helen a call on Tuesday.

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Matariki

Children will shortly be studying Matariki (the Maori New Year). Parents are warmly invited to a presentation in the hall from 2:00 to 3:00pm on Monday 20 June at which classes will share what they have learnt. We hope to see some of you there.

Digital Devices

If child has a personal ipad (as opposed to a school ipad) please encourage them to bring this to school each day. This ensures they have their device when they need it, and relieves the pressure on school devices. If there is any particular reason your child is not bringing their device to school please let us know and we will see how we can help. Thank you.

Science Fair

Please note that our science fair judging, and subsequent exhibition, have been moved from the end of this term to around week 3 of next term. This gives students a little more time. We will advise of exact dates when we have these.

Reminders from last week

... please continue your work at home on the consideration virtue.

... Draft Child protection policy. Available from the office on request. Feedback please by 13 June.

Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament ... 8 June

Please ensure children bring their Matarau T-shirts, gear appropriate to their sport, lunch, drink bottle, warm jacket and spending money at your discretion. Children will travel by bus returning by 3:00pm. Parents are warmly invited to support our teams by dropping by to Kensington Park at any time throughout the day. Please note that we have decided that we will not attend on the previously advised postponement day. Please ensure that any outstanding consents are returned to school on Tuesday.

Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr Schuster please.

Year 6 Ten Pin Bowling

If your child is participating in this event please ensure their consent form is at school on Tuesday. They will need their Matarau T-Shirts please, lunch, drink bottle, sneakers, and spending money at your discretion.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 4th and 5th July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

40 km speed limit

Please adhere to the new 40 km speed restriction on the portion of Matarau Road adjoining the school. This is a busy road at this time and children can be unpredictable.



School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions will receive a payment request next week (sorry for the delay). Please let us know if time payment arrangements would be helpful.

Term Headlice Inspection

This week's inspection indicated modest levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, please treat your child's hair before their return to school on Monday. Parents are asked to check their children's hair regularly and to treat immediately if head lice are detected.

Nothing Naughty Bars - Library Books Fundraiser

Thank you so much to those who have supported this fundraiser to date ... and a special thanks to Lisa for her hard work behind the scenes.

If you have bars left, or you are not in a position to on-sell these, please return to school ON MONDAY. Any questions please contact Helen in the office or Lisa Ryan on 027 454 3630.

Farewell to Mrs Watts

Parents are most welcome to attend a farewell morning tea for Mrs Watts in the staffroom at 10:30am on Thursday 9 June. If you think you might be in attendance please give Helen a call on Tuesday.

Mid-year New Entrant Class

In answer to recent enquiries, we are pleased to confirm that from day 1 of term 3 a second New Entrant class will start up operating (mainly) in the area between rooms 1 and 3. Mrs Jayde Jongkind will teach in this room and work collaboratively with the teachers in the rooms either side. We are very excited to add Jayde to our teaching team. Mrs Jongkind has already been spending valuable time in our junior school learning names, systems etc.

Measles

We have a record of those immunised through the local DHB, but not necessarily of those immunised privately. **If your child has been immunised, and you have not advised the school could you please contact Helen next week so that we can update our records.** It is critical that your child sees their GP if you suspect they have measles. While it is a personal decision, parents of unimmunised children may wish to discuss immunisation with their GP, as these children may be especially at risk if there is an outbreak at school.

See saw ... digital portfolios

In earlier years parents have received portfolios in advance of mid-year interviews. This year parents will receive access to an on-line digital portfolio containing samples of your child's work, with annotations and or comments by them and their class teacher. Parents will have access to their child's work from 17 June. Those needing assistance to access their child's portfolio are invited to meet with Mr Schuster and Mrs Donaldson in the staff room from 3:15 PM on Thursday 23 June. More to follow next week.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure that children bring a drink bottle to school each day .. water is best .. water helps with brain function, good for the teeth, essential for healthy function of every organ of the body. We would love as many children as possible to be in the habit of regular drinking of water .. a critical skill for life and wellness.

Finally

Matarau School has an amazing support staff. Wednesday 8 June is National School Support Day and so, if passing any of our support staff, please tell them how much you appreciate their work, or flick us an email and we will forward it to them. Our support staff frequently undertake professional development in their own time, many of them are very well qualified, they are great team workers, and they have real heart for the children. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated support staff and so please set aside a minute or so this coming week to let them know they are appreciated.

If travelling for the long weekend, travel safely.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice.

Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Housekeeper/Gardener wanted. Approx. 3 hours per week. Would suit local person. References required. Call Chris on 027 276 8837 or 433 5099.

Safety tips from Northern Districts Security

Tips about cellphone safety. These tools have become part of our daily lifestyle. Just as much as they can be of help, they can cause some serious trouble.

Beware Before You Share - Posting your holiday activities online is a great way to share it. But criminals spend time literally browsing the internet looking for hints of who might be away from home to plan burglaries.

Profile Security - Be careful who you share your information with, don't just befriend anyone on any social platform, also be sure about whether your phone is currently sharing it's location when posting the photo you have just taken.

Backup Power: Be sure to have your phone properly charged before you leave home/work or school. Especially if you are planning a "via" trip. Carry a charger with you and even a back-up battery if your phone's battery is dodgy.

Parental control: Learn how to restrict content on smart-devices with parental control apps, its not difficult, just google; MM Guardian Parental Control, Funamo, Kids Place.

Use Technology: Make use of apps like Life360 to keep track of family members' location using the GPS in their phone. Minimum tech-skills required.

I ♥
my
nana

My Special Nana

Her short, black hair gets all dirty after gardening. She has old scribbles like zigzags all over her face and little freckles here and there in different spots.

The fancy clothes she wears always blow my family and I away.

My nana's body is average height and really quite slim. Her oval shaped eyes twinkle at every sight she sees.

She makes her house tidy and never has a single mess.

Her fashion of cooking is amazing. She's always got something special in mind to cook for lunch or dinner. I love her doughboys the best.

Usually, she's out shopping for more plants, vegetables or flowers to decorate her garden.

Nana's cuddles always warm me up at night. Frequently, we stay a night there. She always spoils us with really yummy puddings. My sister makes her look quite small.

Mostly she takes a run when she wakes up and always comes back sweating.

By Te Aarahi, Room 6